

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1066 – SB 1232

April 18, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Transfers administration of the Water and Environmental Health Act from the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to the Department of Commerce and Insurance (C&I). Adds an additional member to the Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Board.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$52,800/One-Time  
\$1,000/Recurring

Other Fiscal Impact – A shift of approximately \$233,000 in annual federal funding from the Department of Environment and Conservation to the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (006524, 007401, 007505):** Amendment 006524 deletes the language after the enacting clause. Renames the “Water Environmental Health Act” found in current law as the “Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Act”. Restructures the composition of, but maintains the current number of members of, the Water and Wastewater Operator Board of Certification. Makes changes to the administrative process regarding the suspension or revocation of permits for water and wastewater treatment. Amendment 007401 rewrites the language concerning the members of the Board. The number of members is unchanged, but the Governor will be specifically included as a consultant to specified interested organizations as having the authority to provide lists of qualified individuals to fill positions on the Board. Amendment 007505 changes the term “water management” to “water resources” in order to refer to the appropriate division of TDEC in reference to the responsibility for maintenance of Board records.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

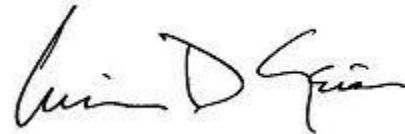
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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The number of members of the board is not changed by the bill as amended.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the Governor to serve as a consultant to interested groups, or for providing lists of qualified individuals to serve on the Board, is estimated to be not significant.
- Any increase in state expenditures for changing language for the purpose of referencing the appropriate division of TDEC is considered not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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